

GLOBAL MISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2024

Attendees: Ron Vandenberg, Wayne Corey, Mike Catterall, Bonnie Dirks, Jim Green, Gudrun Sindermann

Global Mission Committee did not hold meetings in Dec 2023 or Jan 2024.

Devotions by Mike Catterall.

Bake Sale Feedback

Bake sale was held Dec 9 and 10. While feedback / evaluation of event was gathered shortly afterwards, this is the first time the committee met after the bake event. Comments from after the event and this meeting are combined below into a comprehensive list.

- Table out in common area was a good idea. It brought some people in that weren't aware of bake sale.
- Should have a Bake Sale sign in the lobby.
- Maybe have hospitality table only have fruits, vegetables, crackers, cheese etc. (i.e. plain stuff only).
- Many people commented that they didn't know what rummergrot was. Should samples be available? Could put out a sign about ways to jazz up rummegrot, ex. Brown sugar, maple syrup
- Having sale on the same day as children's Christmas program brought in new faces, especially grandparents.
- Multiple people wanted to use credit cards or Venmo (at least 3 asked for Venmo) to pay. [Post meeting note: Finance committee is OK with using the church giving portal (Tithe.ly) to collect funds from the bake sale. This is a credit card based giving portal that will need a slight modification to indicate payment is for the bake sale.]
- Accepting credit cards may bring in more donations for supported charities /food pantries.
- Didn't need \$100 of change, \$50 seems sufficient. Can reset amount after Sat service if necessary.
- All baked goods were sold after 10 am service and just before children's program started. No need for free-will sales.
- Two individuals have expressed an interest in making lefse next year.
- With Thanksgiving being as late as possible next year, lefse rolling will be Dec 7, 2024. Rummergrot stirring will be Dec 14th and the bake sale will be Dec 14 and 15.

Hope-4-Kids / Uganda Mission trip

- H-4-K has now been in Uganda for 20 years. They now have a 26 acre campus and 117 employees. There are about 2200 sponsored children in Uganda, of which 760 attend H-4-K schools. Over 1000 wells have been drilled.
- Four individuals from our church are planning to travel to Uganda is March 12 to 25. H-4-K has sent a preliminary agenda for the trip. There will be a well dedication at Petta Central North (village for which we raised funds at Walk-4-Water). Two foot washings are planned. These are very important to show that it is OK for men to support women.
- Over 100 dresses and many T-shirts and shorts for boys will be carried to Uganda. This is plenty of clothes since we are limited in how much we can carry. Could use more toothbrushes and ball point pens to take.

- Recently sent to the GM team was an essay by Pastor Eric Sabiiti explaining how those who support H-4-K and thus the programs they run in Uganda are heroes. It is agreed that we should publish this essay in the newsletter shortly before the next Walk-4-Water.
- Bonnie explained the desire to start a primary school in Sesera ('our' village). While in Uganda we will try to get cost estimates to do so.

Walk-4-Water (Sept 21, 2024)

- Tom Eggum, president of H-4-K, will visit us and preach all 3 services the weekend of Aug 24 & 25. Note these dates have changed from some of the earlier published dates.
- Gudrun is rounding up volunteers to serve on the planning committee. Ron will co-lead, Wayne volunteered to serve.
- A silent auction will once again be part of the event.

Guatemala Mission Trip / Outreach for World Hope

- 21 individuals from MLC, 10 parents and 10 students plus Jim Green, visited Guatemala from Jan 11 to 16. About 25 additional people from other congregations and Outreach for World Hope were also on the trip.
- Presentations about the trip were given as part of the worship services on Jan 27 & 28 and were well received.
- OWH does not have specific projects that need financial support. There are always funds need for the Life Boat Program which is a lifeline for children found in end stage starvation but not yet selected by sponsors. Committee agreed to donate some of our budgeted funds to this effort, with exact amount determined after Uganda mission trip and associated spending.
- Wayne will get Guatemala trip information and web update from Jim Green and Chris Landerud.

Other

- Flags in Family Life Center representing countries supported by MLCs global missions are out of date. Guatemala flag is not displayed and Tanzania flag is displayed even though we have not supported missions there for several years. Beth Gilpin, a former GM committee member, will obtain a Guatemalan flag. Jim Green will hang new flag. Ron has the original file with the description of the flags and will update it as necessary.
- Description of Uganda missions on MLC website is out of date. Ron will work on updating.
- Habitat for Humanity has completed 2 of 6 houses on Valor Way in Madison, just north of Sigglekow Rd. All 6 should be complete before the end of May. Three individuals from our congregation are at the build site on a regular basis (typically Thursdays) and others occasionally attend.

Next meeting planned for April 15 with devotions by ?? No meeting planned in March.